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### **Using IDEA Funds to Support Title I Schoolwide Activities**

Under IDEA 2004, LEAs are allowed to set aside a portion of their Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B allocation to support activities in a Title I schoolwide program under section 1114 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (34 CFR §300.206).

The IDEA budget software has been updated to allow for LEAs to budget IDEA funds to support qualifying Title I schoolwide schools. An instructional document and set-aside calculators have been created to guide LEAs through the process. These documents can be viewed at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-budgets.html#title>

A webinar has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to review the funding rules and budgeting instructions. To sign up for the webinar, please register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/984068939>. The webinar will be recorded and archived at a later date.

### **IDEA Budget Software for FY 2011 Open**

The IDEA budget software for FY 2011 opened on May 17, 2010. There have been many updates made to the software. Although extensive testing was done, due to the sheer size and complexity of the software, some of the features may not be working. If you encounter an error, please use the “Report a Bug” hyperlink that is available on the bottom of all the budget software pages.

There have been numerous requests to repeat the IDEA Budget Software Updates webinar. To answer this need, an encore webinar has been scheduled on Wednesday, June 9, from 3 to 4 p.m. The presentation goes over the changes made to the capital objects-equipment section, the new “non-capital electronics” requirement, the Title I schoolwide funding object, CEIS budget and narrative process, and the FTE required field for personnel. To sign up for the webinar, please register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/951890763>

### **Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) – Updates for FY 2011**

For those LEAs setting up their accounts for FY 2011, expenditures made against IDEA for CEIS activities will be accounted for in Fund 10. This is new for 2010-2011 regular entitlement. The current year’s CEIS expenditures in both regular and ARRA IDEA will remain in Fund 27.

A teleconference workshop on CEIS, sponsored by FACETS, is open to any interested individuals from 12 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 15. The materials will review the basics of CEIS funds – allowable costs, how it relates to an LEA’s response to intervention system, the separation of these activities from special education, and what impact it is having on Wisconsin.

To register for the workshop, please contact Sandra McFarland at WI FACETS - (877) 374-0511 or [smcfarland@wifacets.org](mailto:smcfarland@wifacets.org). Sandra will mail to you all workshop materials and provide you with the toll-free number to call in for the workshop.

**Equitable Services – IDEA funds MUST be spent on parentally placed private school children eligible for special education services**

Are you abiding on special education by the IDEA requirement to set-aside and expend a proportionate share of your IDEA grant services for parentally placed private school children? Are you properly tracking these expenditures? Are you keeping appropriate time and effort records for staff providing equitable services funded with the IDEA grant? This requirement will be a focus of DPI's IDEA fiscal monitoring process – and non-compliance may result in a repayment of funds. A webinar that reviews the equitable services requirement is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Special Education and Business Office staff are strongly encouraged to attend. To sign up for the event, please register at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-equitable-services-webinar.html>

**Federal Grants Time and Effort Reporting Webinar Archived**

Do you charge staff salaries and fringe to federal grants? Are you keeping appropriate time and effort records to support those costs? Lack of appropriate time and effort records for grant funded staff is the most costly Office of Inspector General audit finding. A webinar on this topic has been archived at [www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-budgets.html#time](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/lpp-budgets.html#time)

**Equipment - Capital Objects New Required Fields are Not Working for Existing Records**

If you attempt to edit an equipment record in capital objects, the software requires you to fill in information on number of units, type of units, and assurances if required. After filling out these fields and clicking on the 'update' button, the data is not actually being stored. This is not the case with new equipment records that are entered into the budget. We are working on the issue, but it may not be fixed for some time. To work around this issue, if you need to edit an equipment record in a FY 2010 budget (both regular and ARRA), create a new record with the same information as the existing record, hit save, and then go back and delete the old record.